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PATENT**REMARKS**

Applicant has thoroughly considered the Examiner's remarks and has amended the application in light thereof. Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4 and 6. The specification has been amended to address Examiner's objection and the drawings have been amended to show correct margins. Claims 1-3 and 15-22 have been canceled, claims 4-14 have been amended, and new claims 23-31 have been added by this Amendment A. Reconsideration of the application claims as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Figures 1 to 3 of the drawings have been amended to show the correct margins required under 37 CFR 1.84(g). Therefore, the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

The specification has been amended to address the Examiner's objection to the use of the trademark terms. In this regard, the use of "Microsoft Corporation" at page 5, line 11, constitutes a trade name identifying a particular source for Windows[®] Management Instrumentation (WMI), rather than a trademark. The word "Microsoft" is also found on line 8 of page 6 of the application. However, the word is used here as part of a title of a book: Inside Microsoft Windows 2000, written by Solomon and Russinovich. While Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the term MICROSOFT is a valuable trademark of Microsoft Corporation for a number of goods and services, and that it should be recognized accordingly, Applicant's usage in these other instances has not been in a trademark sense. Moreover, the recitation of software in the specification is merely exemplary and need not identify a particular version. For example, page 6 instructs the reader to refer to Solomon and Russinovich, Inside Microsoft Windows 2000, 3rd Edition, 2000, pages 265-275, for general information regarding WMI software.

With respect to claims 4 and 6, Applicant has rewritten each of the claims in independent form incorporating all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining amended and new claims depend from either claim 4 or claim 6 and, thus, are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend.

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PATENT**SUMMARY & CONCLUDING REMARKS**

For the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-14 and 23-31 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application. Although the prior art made of record and not relied upon may be considered pertinent to the disclosure, none of these references anticipates or makes obvious the recited invention.

The fact that Applicant may not have specifically traversed any particular assertion by the Office should not be construed as indicating Applicant's agreement therewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or overpayment of any required fee during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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